



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF EVANSVILLE
Integrated Overflow Control Plan
Preliminary Engineering Report D -- Addendum #1
SRF # WW08 13 82 05

Date: December 5, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Evansville Preliminary Engineering Report D Addendum #1 received by the SRF on August 14, 2012 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Evansville Water & Sewer Utility
Integrated Overflow Control Plan
Preliminary Engineering Report
Addendum #1**
1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 104
Evansville, IN 47740-001

SRF Project Number: WW08 13 82 05

Authorized Representative: Allen R. Mounts, Utility Director

II. PROJECT LOCATION

No construction will take place with this project. The project includes various studies and tasks, including stress testing both the Eastside and Westside wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) and conducting sewer studies throughout the city's collection system.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The scope of this project includes system characterization, capacity assessment, and facilities planning.

The Utility entered into a consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in February 2011 on a plan to develop remedial measures for sewer system overflows.

The agreement with the state and federal governments requires the Utility to develop an IOCP; the IOCP is a capital improvements plan (CIP) that integrates the Utility's combined sewer overflow (CSO) – Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) with a Sanitary Sewer Remedial Measures Plan (SSRMP). The SSRMP will contain a prioritized set of projects to identify recurring capacity-related sewer overflows and system defects that could cause or contribute to overflows; the LTCP will be developed to meet requirements of the CSO Policy and to reduce the frequency and duration of overflows from the combined sewer system.

The Utility will develop the CSO-LTCP and SSRMP and will submit the final IOCP to state and federal agencies by May 31, 2013. The IOCP identifies specific infrastructure projects, including sustainable/green projects, which the Utility will be required to construct over the next 20 years to reduce overflows from the city's sanitary and combined sewer systems.

The "No-Action" alternative was rejected, since the Utility would not be in compliance with the requirements of its consent decree.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Project cost was estimated to be \$661,600. Evansville closed a loan with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program on October 19, 2009 for \$31,750,000. The city has sufficient loan funds remaining to pay the cost of this planning project.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The development of the IOCP will have no physical impact on the environment. Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A notice was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press on September 21, 2012 describing the additional work that will be performed to complete the IOCP.